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Title: Need to shift administrative control of Hindustan Cables Limited from Industry Ministry to communication Ministry to facilitate its revival.

SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR (DUMDUM): Sir, the Hindustan Cables Limited, the first public sector undertaking established in 1952, has turned sick since the so-called liberalised economic policy was adopted in 1992. HCL sells cables at five per cent less price to DoT/MTNL, but it receives no benefit like reserved quota for firm order, as it is there with ITI and HTL, nor does it receive any advance payment as do ITI and HTL. However, Hindustan Cables Limited, with its three units at Hyderabad, Rupnarainpur and Naini, may easily be turned around if DoT/MTNL reserve just thirty per cent of their annual requirement for Hindustan Cables and pay fifty per cent of the order amount in advance. To facilitate revival, HCL needs to be shifted from the Industry Ministry to the Communications Ministry for which, I understand, already there is recommendation from the Industry Ministry. Even the Parliamentary Committee on Government Assurances has recently accepted the suggestions as above and recommended the same. I draw the attention of the concerned Ministries to act immediately in this regard.